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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TIN LAT'S CALL ON S/NM FALCO

1. AMBASSADOR TIN LAT CALLED UPON MATHEA FALCO JULY 15 TO DISCUSS THE JULY 12-13 HEARINGS BEFORE THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL. THE AMBASSADOR HIMSELF DID NOT ATTEND THE SESSIONS, ALTHOUGH HE DID SEND HIS DEPUTY TO OBSERVE.

2. WHILE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THE HEARINGS WERE SUCCESSFUL (SEE SEPTTEL), THE GENERAL TONE, ESPECIALLY OF THE FIRST DAY'S SESSIONS, WAS OFTEN CRITICAL OF THE BURMESE. FALCO SUCCEEDED IN ALLAYING MUCH OF TIN LAT'S CONCERN BY EXPLAINING OUR CONGRESSIONAL PROCESSES AND REASSURING HIM OF OUR BELIEF THAT THE PREEMPTIVE BUYING BUSINESS HAD BEEN LAID TO REST FOR THE TIME BEING. THE FACT THAT WE WERE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF PROCURING FOUR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FOR THE GUB WAS ALSO REASSURING TO THE AMBASSADOR.
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3. THE BURMESE AMBASSADOR DID, HOWEVER, EXPRESS HIS DISMAY THAT CONGRESS APPEARED TO HAVE BECOME A CONDUIT FOR "INSURGENCY PROPAGANDA." TIN LAT APPEARED GENUINELY CONCERNED THAT IF SUCH A THING BECOMES TOO DAMAGING TO BURMESE NATIONAL PRIDE, OUR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE

JEOPARDIZED. IN SUCH A CASE, TIN LAT NOTED, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS, BUT THE LESSENERD EFFICIENCY WITHOUT U.S. HELP WOULD BE IN NEITHER COUNTRY'S INTEREST. THE AMBASSADOR APPEARED TO BE EXPRESS-ING HIS PERSONAL SENTIMENTS RATHER THAN FOLLOWING ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THE DANGER HE DESCRIBED MUST BE BORNE IN MIND.

4. CONTINUING, TIN LAT SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED OUR CONGRES-SIONAL PROCESSES TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND ADVISED IT THAT THE ACTUAL WOLFF HEARINGS WENT FAIRLY WELL -- IN SHORT, NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BY SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN A DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONTEXT. FALCO INDICATED THAT WAS GOOD ADVICE AND ALSO INDICATED THAT WE WOULD ASK EMBASSY RANGOON TO CARRY THE SAME MESSAGE TO THE GUB.

5. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS OF BURMESE REACTIONS TO THE WOLFF HEARINGS WHEN THEY ARE PUBLISHED. VANCE

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